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Mother thanks brave neighbours who saved her life after house fire

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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THE mother-of-two rescued from her burning house by heroic neighbours has thanked them for her life and said they were 'absolutely brilliant'.

Speaking exclusively to MKNEWS, Monica Lynn told of how she was saved in the early hours of Sunday from her three-storey home in Shearmans, Fullers Slade.

It is believed one of the men who came to her rescue was just passing by before he came to help.

It is the second fire in a few weeks that has rocked the community. On May 20, David Grace, 38, died after a fire broke out in his house, just a few doors down from Mrs Lynn's house.

Mrs Lynn, 46, was sleeping when she was woken by a noise at about 2.45am and said all she could feel was an intense heat, and was unable to see because of the smoke.

She explained how she feared for the lives of her husband Raymond, 51, and two sons Raymond and Ryan, 23, and 18 respectively, and thought about jumping.

She said: "I was shouting downstairs for the boys and my husband and there was no reply, so I moved away from the bedroom door and went to the window.

"My oldest son's car was outside so I thought they were home. The boys had been to watch the boxing match that night so I thought they were back.

"When I thought they were inside, I could have died on the spot. I went back to the door and screamed for them but



LOCAL HERO: Gavin Sweeney helped rescue a neighbour from a house fire

there was no reply. The phone wasn't working so I just went to the window and screamed and screamed and screamed.

"The next thing I knew my neighbours were there shouting up to me and telling me not to jump and they went and got the ladder.

"I just continued screaming, I wanted to jump, I thought 'I am not dying in my bedroom I will take my chances and jump'.

"But my neighbour Gavin said there was him and three others there to get me. He just kept telling me they would get me out."

Just as she got down the ladder the windows shattered and the fire had taken over the bedroom she had been in seconds before.

Someone managed to get in contact with her husband who had been to McDonald's with their sons.

She added: "I am so, so grateful to my neighbours. They saved my life, I am so thankful. They took a chance, they could have got so hurt. No one knew what was going to happen. They have been absolutely brilliant."

Neighbour Gavin Sweeney was one of the men who helped her. He said: "I don't really know what came over me,

you don't know how you are going to react in that situation. I just wanted to make sure she was safe."

Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service area manager Mick Osborne said: "This was a remarkable act of bravery by her neighbours, and another reminder of the vital importance of smoke alarms.

"Upon arrival, crews were faced with a well-developed fire on the first and second floors. The staircase at these levels had been destroyed by the fire."

A fire investigation is still underway, but MKNEWS believes the fire started in the boiler.

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Decision now due on casino licence

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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OBJECTIONS to a 24-hour casino planned to be built in the city centre were heard at a meeting yesterday.

CMK Town Council and local pressure group, Xplain, for quality development, have filed an objection with Milton Keynes Council's licensing committee against awarding Xscape the casino licence it is in the running to win.

Both believe awarding the licence would create higher crime levels and there would be issues to do with protecting children and vulnerable persons.

Martin Heslop QC, who was representing the applicant Aspers, said there had been no objection to the application by the police.

He said: "There is almost inevitable concern of the impact of a casino as perceived by some persons where there is no experience of a casino existing before."

"We ask the question whether such concerns on the information available are informed or misplaced and we suggest those representations genuinely are misplaced not borne out of Aspers experience in casinos in other parts of the country in similar circumstances."

"There is, at the end of the day, no

real sufficient evidence to back up the concerns that have been expressed."

He stated that in surveys, the public had been positive in their feedback about the casino plans.

As part of the Government's Gambling Act 2005, Milton Keynes was chosen as one of eight locations to host a regional large casino.

Since 2008, three possible sites have been earmarked by developers who have applied for a casino license - stadiummk, Xscape and the Leisure Plaza.

At the time MKNEWS went to press, no decision had been made in relation to the objections.



Sir Cyril Humphrey Cripps

Philanthropist's top stamp sold at auction for record £1.053m

THE world's most famous stamp auctioned off last week as part of a city philanthropist's collection sold for more than £1 million.

The Post Office Mauritius twopenny blue, sold by Spink in London as part of The Chartwell Collection, was sold for a UK record breaking £1,053,090 last Tuesday.

In the first of nine auctions, selling off the collection of 80 albums compiled by Stoke Goldington resident Sir Cyril Humphrey Cripps until his death in 2000, the room was buzzing with excitement as the famous stamp, lot 31, came up for sale.

Six bidders in the room participated as the price of the lot shot skyward, but the final and winning bid came from a bidder who was participating in the sale via telephone.



It is a record price for a stamp sold in the UK - over the two-day auction more than £5million was made.

The next auction is due to take place on October 12, with the last expected in December 2012.

Recovered gun may have killed teenagers

POLICE believe they could have found the gun used to kill two teenagers in Fishermead.

Following a disturbance in the early hours of Friday morning in Penryn Avenue, Fishermead, four boys were arrested on suspicion of possession of a firearm.

Detective Superintendent Rob Mason, leading the investigation into the murders of Mohamed Abdi Farah and Amin Ahmed

Ismail in May, said: "During the incident a firearm was recovered and on initial examination it appears likely this firearm is the same gun as the one used to kill Mohamed Farah and Amin Ismail."

"This is potentially an important development in the inquiry and I would like to stress that it is now vital that anyone who witnessed the incident on Friday morning, or who has any information about

the murder of Mohamed and Amin tells the police what they know."

The teenagers, aged 15, 17, and two aged 16, are all from Milton Keynes, and have since been bailed until the beginning of August.

Anyone with information should call 0845 8 505 505. If you do not wish to give your name, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Bridge back in business after blaze

SECKLOW Gate bridge reopened on Thursday night after it was closed in January 2010 for repairs to fire damage.

Members of city pressure group Xplain celebrated its reopening with a party on the bridge on Friday, with a birthday cake, drinks and balloons.

Results of an internal council investigation into its prolonged closure are expected in the autumn.

Kids get the message about road safety

PRIMARY school pupils have received road safety lessons about the dangers of HGVs.

The local authority has linked up with logistics firm Kuehne+Nagel to provide the potentially life saving advice.

Eight schools in the city were visited, and there was particular emphasis on the difficulties created by the size of HGVs, including blind spots and stopping distances.

Council Road Safety Leader Adrian Carden said: "We

have been working with Kuehne+Nagel over the past few months to deliver an important safety message of 'taking that second look'.

"This type of initiative has benefits for everyone."

School does its bit to help others

YOUNGSTERS at Heronsgate School in Walnut Tree have raised £674.07 for good causes of their choice.

Each class had to plan, organise and run activities that the rest of the school could then enjoy.

Water bombs, cake stalls, a tin can alley and splat the teacher were all dreamt up to raise the vital cash.

Among the charities benefiting are the MS Society, Macmillan Cancer Support, Breast Cancer Care and Willen Hospice.

The children also decided to help their teacher Jill Richardson, who has been selected to represent Great Britain at the Dragon Boat World Championships in Florida and needs to raise £3,000 to compete.

Police woman thrown into lake at Foo Fighters gig

A POLICEWOMAN was pushed into Furzton Lake by a Foo Fighters reveller at the weekend.

The man was caught in the act by a spectator who captured it all on camera – he is seen grabbing the unsuspecting copper and dragging her into the lake.

He was immediately arrested for assaulting a police officer without injury and cautioned.

On Saturday, firefighters were called to rescue a man from the lake which is next to The National Bowl.

He was pulled out of the water shortly before 9pm, as the Foo Fighters were playing the first of two gigs at The Bowl at the weekend.

Overall there were 37 offences reported to police which took place in The Bowl, and of those 19 were for theft.

The American rockers, led by enigmatic frontman and former



Footage of incident involving police woman being pushed into the water



Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl, added their names to the long list of international superstars who have performed at The National Bowl over the years, growing the city's reputation as attracting the biggest stars.

An estimated 120,000 visited Milton Keynes over Saturday and Sunday to see the Foos, along with support acts including Biffy Clyro, Jimmy Eat World, and a special appearance on Saturday from Alice Cooper.

Seasick Steve also made a surprise appearance during the Foo Fighters encore on Sunday, and was joined on stage by Led Zeppelin guitarist John Paul Jones as Dave Grohl played drums.

Superintendent Nikki Ross said: "The officer in question has been spoken to and is happy

with our response. However, I would like to point out that this was a stupid thing to do. The officer suffered bruising and fortunately she is confident in water and did not panic.

"In addition, she was actually at the lakeside because she was concerned for the safety of people in the lake who were under the influence of alcohol and as a result of this act, she was prevented from helping those who needed it.

"Overall I was delighted with the way the event went. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partners who worked with us over the weekend and everyone who attended for helping to make it such an enjoyable two days."

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Dave Grohl at the Bowl

Hate suspects sought after pig's head thrown at proposed mosque

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A PIG'S head was thrown on to the roof of a disused pub which is due to be turned into a mosque.

A video has been posted on the YouTube website, in which a shot of a dismembered pig is followed by footage of two men clearly throwing something on top of The Plough, a former rock pub on Manor Road in Bletchley.

And police have confirmed they are treating it as a religiously motivated hate crime after they discovered some 'pork products' at 11.40am on Friday, June 24.

The pub is due to be converted into a Muslim place of worship after the plan received permission on Thursday, April 14, and has already been the subject of

vandalism – there are also reports of this type of incident happening before.

The application, made as a current mosque on Duncombe Street is becoming too small for the community, has already attracted protests from the British National Party, and even prompted right wing group England is Ours to invite American pastor Terry Jones, who arranged a Koran burning.

MK NEWS tried speaking to members of the Muslim community in Bletchley. One resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "The community doesn't want to comment because they don't want to give the people who did this the publicity."

Thames Valley Police is now investigating the incident.

Chief Inspector Ed Mclean said: "We are treating this incident as

being a religiously motivated hate crime and officers are working closely with the local community to identify those responsible.

"This type of religiously motivated hate crime is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in Milton Keynes.

"Officers did attend the mosque earlier in the morning, at about 8.20am, after a member of the public reported some men acting suspiciously. Officers conducted an area search but were unable able to locate any offenders.

"I would appeal to anyone who saw any suspicious activity in the area between 8am and 11.30am to contact police urgently."

Anyone with any information should contact 0845 8 505 505, or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Murder accused found dead in prison cell

THE man charged with the murder of 36-year-old mum-of-one Kim Jeffery has been found dead in his police cell.

Blake Ross, 36, was accused of the murder of Ms Jeffery in Tavelhurst, Two Mile Ash, on April 10.

Ms Jeffery, who was widely known as Kim Randall, died from stab wounds and facial injuries at the property she shared with Mr Ross.

On June 17, Mr Ross appeared at Luton Crown Court to plead not guilty to her



murder, but his plea of guilty to the lesser charge of manslaughter was rejected and he was remanded to HMP Bedford to await trial in October.

However, police confirmed last Thursday that he was found dead in his cell.

The property in Two Mile Ash – shared by victim Kim Jeffery and accused Blake Ross – where Ms Jeffery was found dead

A spokesman said: "Thames Valley Police can confirm Blake Ross was found dead in his cell at HMP Bedford at 5.45am on June 30.

"The matter is not thought to be suspicious and a post-mortem will be carried out in due course."

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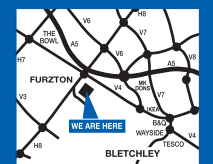
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Playing God over smoking issue is just a step too far

SIR - I really could not believe the article on last week's MK News front page.

Who does this man Paul Bartlett think he is? God?

The reason that there is very little trouble in the UK with such a melting pot of cultures and religions is people's tolerance of each other.

All right, the powers have decided that passive smoking is dangerous so 'they' have decided that there will be no smoking in enclosed public areas and driven the smokers out into the wide open spaces and fresh air on our streets, and we won't mention the devastating effect that this has had on the hospitality trade.

So what does this man want?

He wants to ban smoking in open areas where the smoke does not contribute a health hazard, just a few strategically placed litter bins would be very effective and perhaps a bylaw to provide containers for people's cigarette butts at the door at public places where smoking is banned. Job done.

I think this way keeps everyone happy and I would advise voters in Stony Stratford to choose their candidates more wisely at the next election.

Diane Chambers
Coffee Hall

No need to extend ban...

SIR - We have just taken delivery of MK NEWS and I am unable to describe the anger I felt after reading Cllr Bartlett's suggestion for the smoking ban.

Does he live in the real world? Has he heard of human rights? Does he watch the news? Does he read the newspapers? Does he know what's going on in other parts of our world?

I don't think so, if all he has to concern himself with is cigarette butts.

I think the smokers in public houses and other such establishments who have gone out of business because of the smoking ban have suffered enough.

I visit the city centre three or four times a week and I can honestly say that 90 per cent of smokers use the ashtrays supplied by the council.

I never shop in Stony Stratford so I have no idea if they have the ashtrays that we have in the centre, but after reading this report I will never go to Stony Stratford, and be assured Cllr that there will be a lot of people with the same mind.

To quote Cllr Bartlett: "This could be policed by community support officers, traffic wardens and even members of the public."

I suggest that Cllr Bartlett should consider getting a life. We have seen two support officers on our estate and that is only once or twice a week.

Has the council suddenly realised that there is money in the pot to employ and train new staff?

After years of being able to walk where and when you wanted now, unfortunately because of the drinking laws, drugs and hoodies you stay in

your own back garden and when you leave you use the car. When have you ever seen fights after closing hours over cigarettes? Or families going hungry because the bread winner has spent all the housekeeping money on cigarettes?

I think the cigarette smokers took the ban of smoking on the chin.

I don't think our grandfathers would have done the same when the government gave them a daily supply during the First World War and Second World War.

To reiterate what I have already said, Councillor get a life and try and stay out of other people's.

Patricia Lovett
Via email

... or perhaps there is

SIR - Re the front page story last week - about time too, but why not extend it to the whole of MK?

I am not sure who would enforce it. Given the amount of unenforced litter dropping and spitting in the street, I suspect the answer is no-one.

Norman
Via email

Picking on the wrong issue

SIR - I write in reply to your article (MK NEWS June 26) regarding the smoking ban proposal.

I am outraged by the comments and suggest Cllr Bartlett use his powers and that of the council to enforce existing laws:

- To stop the dropping of litter by anyone
- To stop spitting in the street
- To stop people fouling the streets with chewing gum
- To stop all anti-social behaviour due to drink.

This proposal is unnecessary, unfair and discriminates yet again against a single sector of society.

His comments are so blinkered as there is more pollution in the atmosphere from many sources, is he proposing to ban all vehicles, close industry and change flight paths around Stony Stratford?

All people are responsible for littering and the council through Community Support Officers should enforce the law.

Cllr Bartlett should be encouraging people to go to Stony Stratford, not alienating people.

As a disabled person I would like to see him put his energy into enforcing disability law, to make shops fully accessible and to make the pavements easier for the wheelchair user.

The smoker has already been forced out of buildings and now he wants to force them out of town.

Where does he expect them to go?

L Stanforth

Shenley Lodge

A violation of our rights

SIR - Concerning the latest front page article about 'banning cigarettes in Stony Stratford'.

As a smoker I can, of course, under-

stand the forward progress made by the smoking ban but as you can imagine I have also seen the oppressive side.

One thing I am sure of is that the general public in this country (smokers and non-smokers, regardless) do not want nor need any more oppressive acts disguised as laws.

I would like to remind Cllr Bartlett that aside from risking a massive backlash from smokers throughout the city he is promoting an evil police state without even realising.

His use of wording clearly demonstrates a disturbing lack of understanding of all things legal never mind lawful.

According to what is considered to be the British constitution, for an Act to be enforced it requires the consent of the Queen, the Government and the governed.

It needs also be noted that we live in a common law jurisdiction - until of course you give a police officer your name (or your 'statutory instrument' and NI number with which they may then enforce these ever increasingly oppressive acts), at which point you would be stepping into a civil law jurisdiction.

Jenny from Deanshanger is quite correct in saying this is a scandalous proposition. Has the smoking ban not already violated enough human rights?

She also mentioned the fact that pubs are closing down daily because people now sit at home with crates of drink as a cheaper and less embarrassingly oppressive alternative.

It is only now pay-per-view sport that is keeping many pubs going.

Why doesn't the Government just ban that as well in its continual assault on freedom and independence?

Jim Lucas
Via email.

Editor's note: For more letters on this subject, turn to page 17

Simple financial solution

SIR - So the Bucks & Milton Keynes Fire Authority wants help from the general public for ideas of how to cut nearly £5 million from its budget.

Perhaps they could start by firing their Executive Committee, Standards Committee, Overview & Audit Committee and Human Resources Committee.

They could then follow this by sacking their Chief Fire Officer, Deputy Fire Officer, Assistant Chief Fire Officer and Assistant to the Assistant Chief Fire Officer.

The savings made from the meetings that would no longer be required or the cost of the buildings that house them might go a long way to making the savings required.

After all if your house is on fire and your family need saving I know who I would sooner turn up at my front door to do something about it, and it would not be the committee responsible for possible station closures and redundancies of trained professional firefighters.

Bill Green
Wolverton



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City curse continues for Wet Wet Wet star

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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THE jinx of Milton Keynes has struck again for one musical superstar.

Last Tuesday night, during his performance in Jekyll and Hyde at Milton Keynes Theatre, former Wet Wet Wet frontman Marti Pellow had to be rushed to hospital with a suspected broken nose.

The musical had to be stopped for around 20 minutes during act two, scene three, after Mr Pellow rushed off stage.

One theatregoer said: "It wasn't obviously clear, but we think in one of the scenes, where he and an actress were on a bed and having a fight, she might have kneed him in the face because he swore and ran off stage."

After the incident, a theatre spokesman said the cartilage in his nose was badly bruised.

Mr Pellow did not return to complete the show's run at the Theatre, and his understudy Martin Dickinson played the title role in his place.

But this is not the first time misfortune has befallen the internationally-renowned star in the city.

As reported by *Milton Keynes on Sunday* on July 13, 1997, a concert by his former band Wet Wet Wet at The National Bowl had to be cancelled – because it was expected to rain.

The show was pulled seven weeks before the event, with promoters citing unpredictable weather.

At the time, the group's public relations company Excess Press said: "The reason it is moving indoors is because of the weather. We've had Glastonbury, the Ashes and Wimbledon all wet, so we don't want to take a risk on this."



Marti Pellow, above, was injured during a live show at Milton Keynes Theatre. Right, the front page of Milton Keynes On Sunday, from July 13, 1997, when Wet Wet Wet had to cancel their concert at the National Bowl

Newsagents robbed at knife point

TWO CITY stores were robbed by knife wielding thugs on Sunday, and police believe the incidents are connected.

At 6.55pm, two men entered Shenley News in Shenley Church End while staff were shutting the store.

They bought a bottle of cola and one man then walked behind the till and showed a knife, demand-

ing that the till be opened. The pair made off with about £4 before leaving the shop.

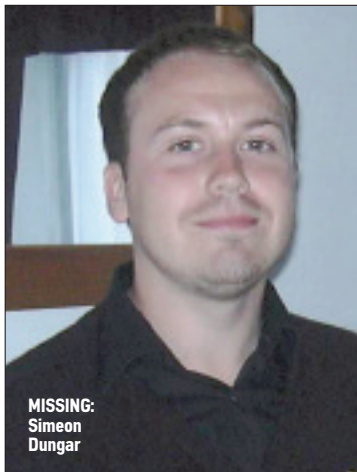
In the second incident, two men entered Great Holm stores at about 7.10pm.

They asked for cigarettes and as they were handed over, they pulled out knives, threatened the assistant and snatched the till tray.

Detective Constable Matthew Hemming, investigating, said: "Although no-one was hurt in the robberies, the staff members were left shaken and upset."

"At this stage we believe these two robberies are linked and are keen to trace the people responsible."

Anyone with information should call 08458 505 505.



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Simeon
Dungar

Police appeal to help locate missing man

CONCERNS are growing for the safety of a 29-year-old man who has not been seen leaving the city's YMCA last month.

Simeon Dungar left the facility in Central Milton Keynes on June 8.

He is white, of medium build, five foot, five inches tall with receding brown hair and blue eyes.

Police are now urging the public to help them trace Mr Dungar.

PC Chris Bird said: "We are

concerned about Simeon's welfare as there has not been any confirmed sightings of him for almost a month."

"Some property belonging to Simeon was found by a member of the public over the weekend and we would like to trace him so that we can return it to him."

"Simeon grew up in Milton Keynes and still has some family in the area."

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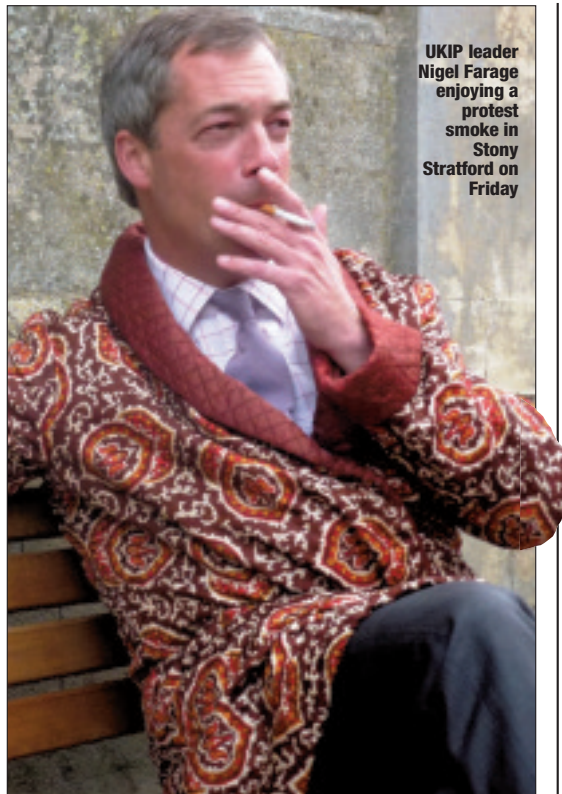
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UKIP leader lights up for 'liberty' as opponents of town smoking ban show plenty of puff...



UKIP leader Nigel Farage enjoying a protest smoke in Stony Stratford on Friday

A LANDLADY is gearing up for a fight to prevent the smoking ban in Stony Stratford.

Since MK NEWS exclusively revealed Councillor Paul Bartlett's plan to ban smoking on the town's streets last week, Stony Stratford has again been at the centre of national and international media coverage.

On Friday UKIP leader Nigel Farage even joined the debate, and made an appearance on the High Street to have a protest smoke.

On the social networking website Twitter, Mr Farage posted: "The proposed total smoking ban in Stony Stratford is an absolutely appalling idea."

"I shall be visiting there tomorrow with plenty of cigarettes. Smokers and fans of liberty, join

me in Stony Stratford tomorrow."

And now Maureen Maloney, landlady of The Duke of Wellington on Wolverton Road, is preparing to take her fight to prevent the ban to the next Stony Stratford Town Council meeting on July 19.

She has posted notices around the town in order to gather people's signatures for a petition, and is hoping to get as many people as possible to attend the meeting in protest.

She thinks the plans need to be stopped, not just for the town, but because it could set a precedent for the rest of the country.

"This is just ridiculous," she said, "it's going to kill Stony Stratford off. People will just stop coming."

"It's got to be stopped now, telling people what they can and can't do, we've just had enough of it."

"We are not going to have it anymore, whether you are a smoker or not."

On Saturday morning Cllr Bartlett was verbally abused in the High Street because of his plan, but despite this says he still believes it is a good idea.

He said: "I'm determined to battle on with this - I think it will gather more momentum."

"This has brought the whole issue of smoking in the street and the damage it can do to people's attention."

"I want smokers to get involved because I'm sure they don't want to have a poor environment."

Drivers are slammed for dangerous U-turn

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A BUS driver and a number of other vehicles drove into oncoming traffic on one of the city's busiest roads on Sunday.

At around 7.48am, a black Seat Ibiza crashed into the central reservation of the A5 southbound near the Milton Keynes turn off, and both lanes of the carriageway were closed as emergency services cleared the area and treated a woman who had been driving the car.

But police officers were forced to take action when some drivers approaching the resulting tailbacks decided to turn around in the carriageway and drive back into the oncoming traffic.

PC Steve Leathersich, of the

Roads Policing Unit based in Milton Keynes, said: "This was extremely dangerous behaviour by these individuals, including the driver of a bus."

"We managed to stop and report at least 14 of the drivers and we have their details, but I cannot emphasise enough how foolish and potentially life-threatening their actions were and they were lucky that nobody was hurt."

The police are now appealing for witnesses to the incidents to come forward.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Leathersich via the 24-hour Thames Valley Police Enquiry Centre on 0845 8 505 505.

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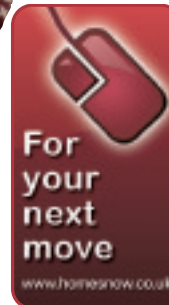
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During mornings and evenings there will be PT, bush craft, survival training, map reading, radio and communication training, a night patrol on one of the nights as well as a camp attack!

We will be camping for two nights at this location (bring your own tent!) toilets and showers are on-site and food and drink will be provided by us for all three days.

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The charity offered free half hour lessons on First Aid as part of the Buckinghamshire Branch's first 'Be The Difference' day.

One of the aims of the organisation is that nobody should

have to suffer due to those around them not knowing any First Aid.

Training co-ordinator Lizzie Billingham said: "We are always pleased when even one more person learns first aid, so it was a great success."

"First aid skills can be the dif-

ference between a life lost and a life saved so it's important that everyone has at least some basic knowledge as one day it could be their friend, colleague or loved one who needs help."

For more information about taking a course yourself visit www.sja.org.uk/bucks

For richer and paw-er but what happens to the dogs after divorce?

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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OFTEN people think of children getting caught in the middle of divorces - but what about our four-legged friends?

A special Dogs of Divorce Walk has been arranged this weekend to help those who can be forgotten about during break ups, with organiser Affinity Mediation saying divorce can have an emotional affect on dogs, as well as some ending up being abandoned.

"We work with many couples and families, and plenty of them are dog owners," said Toni Moore, managing director of Adams Moore Family Law, sister company of Affinity Mediation.

"Dogs suffer as part of the breakdown of a relationship too. Moving house or losing one of the 'pack' impacts dogs emotionally, and in some sad cases neither partner is able to take the dog with them, sometimes resulting in abandoned dogs."

"This is why we have chosen to

support the fantastic work of the Dogs Trust. The West London rehoming centre alone receives around 20 to 25 calls per day from members of the public wanting to hand over their dog due to relationship break ups, and landlords not allowing pets in a new property."

The company is hoping to gather as many people, and their dogs, as pos-

sible at Willen Lake on Saturday at 2pm, to participate in a two-mile walk around the north lake.

There will be drinking stations along the route as well as refreshments and doggie bags.

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Toni Moore, managing director of Adams Moore Family Law, with her Great Dane

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BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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PEOPLE of Milton Keynes are being asked to donate pieces of wood which have a story behind them to a boat building project.

Performance company Lone Twin is building a 30-foot seafaring sailing boat made almost entirely from wood donated by the public.

It is looking for pieces of wood of all shapes and sizes - from a pencil to a piano; the only condition is that the donation has a story behind it.

More than 5,000 people have taken part so far and donations have included family heirlooms, tributes to those who have passed away, a historic sign - and even a piece of Brighton's West Pier.

The Boat Project is part of Artists Taking the Lead, a series of 12 public art commissions across the UK to celebrate the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

The Boat Project is the winning commission for the South East region and is funded by Arts Council England.

Gregg Whelan and Gary Winters, artistic directors of Lone Twin, said: "The response to The Boat Project so far has been incredible,



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we've had thousands of people bringing us hundreds of donations - we've had everything from a piece of the Ark Royal to a family's much-used 42-year-old bath

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IF: Milton Keynes International Festival will bring the finished sailing boat back to Milton Keynes in July 2012 as part of the next festival.

Festival director Monica Ferguson said: "The Festival seeks to present new and unusual events in unexpected locations and often in surprising ways. The Boat Project is no exception."

"Milton Keynes is just about the furthest place from the sea in the UK but this special project, inspired by memories and stories, enables people to get involved and then see the end results of the project when the completed boat returns in July 2012."

Sally Abbott, of Arts Council England, said: "I look forward to seeing the boat set sail for the first time next summer, just in time for the Olympics and Paralympics, and I hope that many people in the South East will also be able to observe the journey."

To donate, bring wood to Midsummer Place Shopping Centre (inside, near Pret-a-Manger), Central Milton Keynes, between 11am-5pm on July 19. For more information visit www.ifmiltonkeynes.org or www.theboatproject.com



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Newport Pagnell seeks Queen of Shops' advice

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A TELEVISION retail guru has been urged to visit one of the city's high streets to help boost trade.

MP for Milton Keynes North Mark Lancaster has written to straight-talking Mary Portas (pictured below), who turns around the fortunes of businesses in TV shows such as Mary Queen of Shops, asking her to lend Newport Pagnell High Street a helping hand.

Ms Portas has been asked by the Government's Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to conduct an independent review of revitalising the country's high streets and has pledged to visit some during her study.

In his letter, Mr Lancaster described the drop in footfall in the town, despite the diversity and vitality of the shops and services.

He also showed how the town is using its heritage, for example with plans for a disused petrol station to become a retro Shell diner.

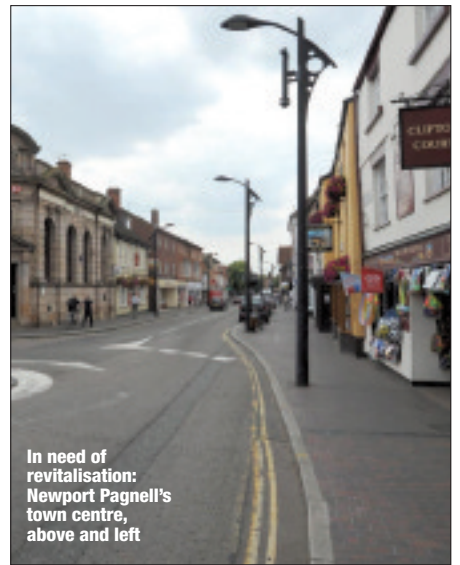
The history of Aston Martin Lagonda and the 200-year-old Iron Bridge are also assets on which the town can capitalise, he suggested.

He also commended efforts to make the high street work for 21st century lifestyles, for example the Food Box scheme which takes greengrocers' produce to residents' doorsteps.

Mr Lancaster said: "Newport Pagnell High Street has so much to offer, but I think Mary will have some great ideas about how we can ensure this high street can thrive even further."

"I am determined to get Mary Portas to come to Newport Pagnell High Street. I think she could work wonders here."

"We have so many assets but we also have much potential. We can really build on our abundant heritage to draw more visitors to the town centre."



In need of revitalisation: Newport Pagnell's town centre, above and left

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Undoing the work

SIR - I saw the article in the MK NEWS and I would like to mention the problem at Milton Keynes Hospital - there are cigarette butts all over the place there, at every entrance.

I think it should be sorted, it is not the right image for a hospital, they don't even sweep them up, what a waste of money trying to get people better when they are outside undoing all the good that is being done for them inside. I don't know what the answer is I am sure there must be one.

Ted Brown
Via email

It's a taxing issue

SIR - The whole thing is ridiculous. People walk their dogs and don't pick up after their pet.

I guess they aren't concerned if their child picks up dog mess and puts it in their mouth?

First of all, if you're watching your child you wouldn't allow them to pick up anything off the ground and put

it in their mouth. People are so out of control with this ridiculous no smoking outside rule. Give it a rest already.

You don't own the air government, if you are so concerned really, why do you sell cigarettes?

Aren't you still collecting those wonderful taxes?
Sent by email

Ban is against rights

SIR - I write this from my home in Spain.

Alderman Paul Bartlett should turn his attentions to more constructed issues that are outstanding in Stony Stratford instead of raising issues that do not concern the Stony Stratford Town Council.

This issue of banning smoking in public places, like the street, will cost the town council huge sums of money that it can ill afford in these times in research and implementing the compliance costs.

Hundreds of smokers will be outraged by his suggestion of banning smoking in the

street, I am a non smoker but if I did smoke I would challenge his suggestion of banning smoking in the street, as an act against my human rights of free will.

My message to Alderman Paul Bartlett is, go back to council business of serving your community in things that really matter, this smacks of "1984 and all that".

Alderman Paul Bartlett grow up and serve your community in better ways.

David Sutton-Rowe
Alicante, Spain

Reason for strikes

SIR - I was interested by the lead page of the issue on June 29.

Considering that civil servants were out on a 24 hour strike the next day we had the sight of Cllr Bartlett on his knees holding a bunch of cigarette butts and talking about banning smoking in Stony Stratford.

Now, I'm an American, and we take our local and national governments seriously. With the help of the Second Amendment of our

Constitution...The Right to Bear Arms. If not we would be in the same position as you Brits. Our politicians and civil servants would like nothing better than to do what they like and be able to get away with it.

The truth of the matter is that the civil servants in higher grades are being paid 35 per cent more than the people in similar grades in the private sector.

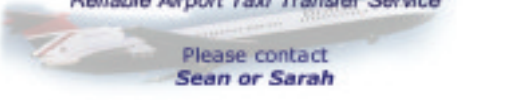
Lower grade workers will be expected to pay more to create parity with their private sector colleagues.

The real reason for the strikes has more to do with the higher earning civil servants not wanting to lose the most. You might remember when it was decided that senior civil servants needed huge salary increases? Our local councillors just let it happen. Why? Because they were also given higher allowances. And we all know about our MPs' pensions and expenses.

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BY ADAM GRINSELL

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Once a month, residents at the sheltered housing scheme help to transform the court with fine china and cake stands and put on high tea for those living there, or anyone over the age of 55 that lives nearby.

Court manager Dee O'Rourke said: "It all started with the idea of high tea, and we went out and bought lace table cloths.

"When we first put them out, we looked around and said it was posh, just like The Ritz. So it grew from there - we got all the cake stands and fancy china, and I was joking about people coming in uniforms, but when I turned around they had all changed."

The special afternoon, which has been running for eight months, was recognised in June when it won first prize and £200 in a competition run by Housing 21, the court's parent company,



Resident and volunteer John Ayton serves up the sandwiches

to find schemes where residents are working together to create opportunities for taking part in activities.

Frank Howe Court also puts on an over 55 lunch club, IT and

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Residents 'over the moon' with plans for new parking permits

BY SOPHIE SCOTT

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CAR-OWNERS who have been unable to park on their streets will be given permits to stop non-residents parking on two city centre estates.

Anyone who does not live in Conniburrow or Bradwell Common, from the city centre to the Boulevards, will be banned from parking there between 9am to 3pm, seven days a week.

As reported in MK NEWS in April, those living in have been complaining about a rise in the number of cars being left in their streets after new parking charges

were introduced in the city centre.

Homes will be given one free parking permit for each vehicle they own, as well as a free visitor permit, which can be used in any vehicle, from September 5.

The proposals will be introduced on an experimental basis, to be reviewed after six months, where the council will look at any feedback to help fine tune the scheme, if needed.

A petition with more than 100 signatures was handed to Milton Keynes Council last month.

MKC will shortly be writing to all affected residents with details of the scheme and a permit

application form inviting them to apply for their free permit.

Resident Pauline Wallis said: "We are over the moon, finally common sense has prevailed. We will just need to see if this will now affect other areas."

Cllr John Bint, cabinet member responsible for transport, said: "We are constantly reviewing parking arrangements, and this is one of the areas we looked closely at."

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Have your say on high speed trains

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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COMMUTERS in the city have been asked for their thoughts on the proposed High Speed rail link.

MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart, who also sits on a Parliamentary select group for transport, was outside Central Milton Keynes railway station on Friday to ask people their views on the controversial HS2, a high-speed London to Birmingham route.

Mr Stewart said: "I just want to get an idea as to what people in Milton Keynes have on HS2, that will form informed views on the project."

"If it comes close to Milton Keynes one of the issues we need to establish is whether we have a parkway station to link to the line, and there are arguments for and against that."

"Some say the argument is you shouldn't have intermediate stops."

"Even if it doesn't come into here or an intermediate station, there's a potential benefit because it could free up more capacity for commuter trains."

"One of the biggest issues I get is



MP Iain Stewart canvassing commuters' opinions outside MK railway station

that the trains are packed and some Virgin trains don't stop here. Potentially this could be solved."

Mr Stewart and the rest of his transport committee travelled to Europe this week to see how the German and French versions of HS2 are run.

He added: "The long-term issue

is our rail is a lot more expensive to run than those in Europe."

"There has historically been extra costs in the industry. In the long term the Milton Keynes review should inform how to keep costs down – that's going to be a very important step because it is very expensive."

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350 miles by skateboard



John Stirling, right, and Zain Taylor

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MAN who lost his father to cancer will be riding 350 miles to raise money for charity - on his skateboard.

Twenty-year-old John Stirling and his friend Zain Taylor will be donning their knee pads and helmets for the epic trip from Glasgow to Milton Keynes, starting out this weekend, to raise £3,000 for Cancer Research UK.

The pair, both from Bletchley, are taking on the challenge in memory of John's father, also called John, who died in September after a three-year battle with the disease.

John said: "We wanted to do something that hasn't been done before, and wanted to do a big trip."

"My dad was from Glasgow and a very patriotic Scotsman, and I've lived here all my life, so we thought Glasgow to Milton Keynes would be ideal."

John and Zain will set out from Rangers Football Club's

Ibrox Stadium on Sunday, and plan to skate around 30 miles a day, to reach Milton Keynes on Sunday, July 24.

The challenge of the task ahead is one that John is looking forward to.

"It's more than a marathon a day for 14 days," he said. "And it will be two weeks constant effort. Scotland is very hilly, so it's going to be a very physical challenge."

"As soon as I told Zain he was up for it, but he was a bit worried when we started planning it and realised the magnitude."

There will be a welcome home barbecue on the day they return at The Clock Tower in Emerson Valley, but already they are already planning their next stunt.

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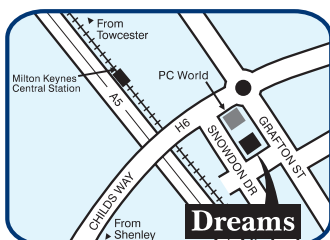
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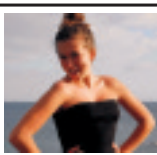
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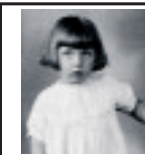
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Teams in a race to the finish to mark track's anniversary

BY DAN PALMER

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A CITY karting track that has been used by some of motor-sport's biggest names has celebrated its 15th birthday.

Daytona Milton Keynes first opened its doors in 1996 and since then it has welcomed stars such as F1 drivers Mark Webber, Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button.

Future stars are now developing their skills at the track, regarded as one of the best outdoor karting venues in the country.

Competitive races also take

place, including the 24-hour event which is held in October.

Three circuits are available, the tight 375m north circuit, the 900m national circuit and the longer 1400m international circuit.

More than 40,000 drivers take karts for a spin each year, from the age of five upwards.

To celebrate its birthday, the track held a media endurance race last Monday, which also fell within National Motorsport Week.

Drivers took part in the powerful DMAX karts which feature a 125cc two-stroke race engine and boast a top speed of 85mph.

A team representing MK NEWS came home in second place, and were only beaten by the F1 team at BBC Radio 5 Live.

Their drivers featured pit lane reporter Natalie Pinkham and producer Jason Swales and they benefited from some coaching and help from the pits provided by ex-Honda F1 ace Anthony Davidson.

Jim Graham from Daytona Milton Keynes said: "Coming in National Motorsport Week and in the immediate run-up to the British Grand Prix, it was a great way for us to celebrate 15 years as the UK's best kart venue."



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Bring on Britain in Bloom judges

BY DAN PALMER

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VOLUNTEERS have been frantically weeding, cleaning and litter picking to make sure Stony Stratford looks its best for the regional Britain in Bloom judges.

The town gained a gold medal last year and is now trying to keep up the high standards in order to

achieve the same excellent result again. Many new community projects have been launched this year and getting around all of the different flowers and baskets has proved to be no easy task, but volunteers have taken to it with enthusiasm.

Many different groups have been involved with the work, including schools, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs and

Beavers, the Rotary Club, churches and more. The regional judges are due to tour the town today and at the end of their trip they will hear a verse that Ian Freemantle, the Bard of Stony Stratford, has written especially for the occasion.

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Winning couple Sophie and Mark celebrate their success



Finalists in the win a wedding competition chat to some of the sponsors at Horwood House before the prize draw.



Sophie and Mark toast to their future wedding

Sophie and Mark of their dreams in

CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie and Mark, who are the winners of MK NEWS' £20,000 wedding giveaway.

In a hushed room on Thursday night at Horwood House, which will be providing the setting for their reception, Sophie Smyth's name was drawn out of the bowl containing the lucky couples who were chosen for a shortlist of entries.

When her name was read out, the silence continued before a stunned Sophie realised she had won the prize.

Now she and groom-to-be Mark Basson, both 26 and from Deanshanger, will tie the knot on May 5 without the worry and hassle that organising and paying for a wedding can bring.

After winning, Sophie, who is planning to have nine bridesmaids, said: "I don't think it will

Horwood House



sink in until tomorrow. I didn't think it was my name, I don't think I've ever felt so overwhelmed - we are that lucky.

"I'm not usually stuck for things to say. All week I was saying 'it's not going to happen'."

The couple have been together

Fairytale day bride-to-be didn't believe she'd ever have

On entering the competition, the pair had to write 100 words on why they thought they deserved the prize. Here is what Sophie told us:

"This would mean the world to me because ten years ago I lost my strong loving father, so all my dreams of a traditional wedding day did not mean the same to me anymore. To realise a fairytale wed-

ding at Horwood House and all that it entails would bring about a wedding day I no longer believed I would ever be lucky enough to have.

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for nine years after they met on a night out through a mutual friend. They will now enjoy a reception at Horwood House, which is also providing their house photographer, for up to 80 guests, and an evening buffet by

Flamed Foods Co along with 25 bottles of champagne from Calcutta Brasserie.

They have also won a trip-of-a-lifetime, £5,000 honeymoon to Mauritius courtesy of Kuoni and Air Mauritius.

Mark, who works in the construction industry, proposed to Sophie at Christmas - he had planned to do it over a romantic meal, but got too nervous so did it at

her mum's house before going out that evening.

He said: "We are in rented accommodation at the moment - we were hoping to save for the wedding and carry on renting, but now we can start saving for a house."

"It's nice for our parents not to have the pressure of paying for it."

As well as the reception and honeymoon, White Orchid Weddings is providing the bridal and men's wear up to the value of £1,000, Decesare hairdressers is providing a package worth about £240, and Bobbi Brown will give Sophie its complimentary make-up service.

John Lewis will be giving them £200 of vouchers to start them off on its gift list service, as well as helping the mother of the bride look her best by providing a fashion advisor to help her pick her £500 outfit.

Waitrose will provide the wedding cake, and Ruth's Floral Design Studio will provide a flower package worth around £400.

Lasaderm is also giving a £150 voucher for treatments, and Whittlebury Hall will lay on a meal for two in its Murrays fine dining restaurant on their first wedding anniversary.

Sophie and Mark



Finalists and sponsors chat ahead of the announcement



Sophie and Mark join some of the competition's sponsors



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The 'rapper that cares' releases debut album

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A RAPPER has finally released his debut album after five years of painstaking work perfecting it.

Soul Urban Poet, real name Reuben-James Fiander, works as a rehabilitation support worker, helping people with brain injuries recover.

In his own words, the 28-year-old, from Medbourne, calls himself the 'rapper that cares'.

He said: "I released my debut single last February and I had a positive response from that. I have been working on the album for five years. I always wrote poetry but I started writing music in 2005, so it has been a long five years.

"I didn't want to put out anything that I wasn't happy with and that others wouldn't be happy with, but hopefully I will release another album next year so it won't be such a long wait this time.

"I am highly influenced by poetry. I was just called Soul originally as I am not really into cliché stuff like cars and women like most rappers. I wanted to steer clear of what I didn't have in my life. But people started calling my stuff 'urban' and it kind of went from there. My outlook on life has definitely changed with my job. We



IT'S A RAP:
Reuben-James
Fiander aka Soul
Urban Poet

get people who have been in road traffic collisions to people who have fallen down the stairs. It definitely motivates me to do more with my life."

The album is available on iTunes and Amazon, and for more information visit www.facebook.com/soulurbanpoet or www.twitter.com/soulurbanpoet.

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Skills match plan to get jobless working

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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OPPOSITION councillors are calling for the council to audit the skills of Milton Keynes residents in a bid to boost employment in the city.

Unemployment figures show there are more than 6,000 people looking for work and 30 per cent of those are low-skilled workers.

Labour Councillor Hannah O'Neill has called for Milton Keynes Council to audit the 2,000 job seekers who have low skills.

She says most of these people are concentrated in the older and most deprived parts of the city and that most of the jobs available require higher skills.

In certain wards, such as Campbell Park and Woughton more than seven per cent of residents are unemployed, while in Eaton Manor, Bradwell, Wolverton and Bletchley and Fenny it is about six per cent.

Cllr O'Neill said: "The latest unemployment and jobs survey from Milton Keynes Council highlights that there are 6,352 people seeking work. Within this group



Cllr
Hannah
O'Neill

31.6 per cent say they are seeking low skilled jobs. I would like to see an audit done of their skills with the council working with employers to try to find ways to improve their skills.

"If we are to reduce unemployment we need to work with people to try and give them the skills to find work. The first stage should be an audit of their current skills.

"I will ask the select committee to look at the issue of unemployment and the skills gap and the case for an audit of people with low skills in order to help them

into work through re-skilling.

"I also think we should look at the concentrations of low skills in certain areas and among the 18-24 age group."

Cllr David Hopkins, Conservative deputy leader of the council, said: "We are aware of these statistics but we can assure people that Milton Keynes Council and its partners are working very hard to address any skills gaps.

"Improving people's skills is one of the six priorities in our new Economic Development Strategy, which was approved recently by Cabinet.

"Generally speaking the picture in Milton Keynes is improving. In 2008 there were more than 16,000 adults in Milton Keynes without qualifications (10.4 per cent of the working population) but that figure has been falling steadily, and by 2010 it was 14,300 (8.9 per cent).

"We cannot afford to be complacent about skills they are the bedrock of successful employment - but we are carrying out a lot of work in this field and have scores of examples of success stories."

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Job opportunities created include delivery drivers, pizza makers and store assistants.

It has been made possible thanks to an investment of £250,000 by the firm, one of the biggest pizza take-away chains in the country.

Papa John's already has stores in Bletchley and Newport Pagnell and another will be opening up in Oldbrook in August.

Founded in the United States in 1984, there are now more than 150 stores across the UK, each promising to fulfill the company's philosophy of 'better ingredients, better pizza'.

Plans for 400 to 500 new stores across the country are planned over the next five years.

John Schnatter, chief executive officer and founder of Papa John's, said he was thrilled that a new store had opened in Milton Keynes.

He said: "I'm delighted that we have managed to secure premises on Potters Lane. Our unique sauce is made from the best Californian tomatoes, picked and packed from vine to can in just six hours, and I'm sure our customers will be able to taste the difference."

One new pizza that customers will be able to try at Kiln Farm is The Big Smoke, which combines pulled pork with three types of bacon, smoked pancetta, applewood smoked, and prime back, along with barbecue sauce.



A new Papa John's outlet will be opened in the city

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Chicago theme for festive fun

WHILE Santa may be planning his summer holiday, Best Parties Ever already has Christmas wrapped up after it unveiled a new theme for its Willen Lake parties - Chicago: The Roaring Twenties.

Guests can enjoy a five course dinner, with accompanying entertainment from live musicians and Cabaret from acrobats, aerialists, flappers and performers.

Kids cooking up a real treat

BUSY Bees Nursery in Oldbrook has launched a new scheme in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) called Cooking With Me, which involves groups of children working together to create recipes, encouraging them to explore other activities such as painting, dressing up and role play based on cooking themes.

The scheme motivates children to cook from an early age, developing key skills outlined in the EYFS framework.

Solar panels saving cash

LITTLE Horwood Recreation Ground Hall is having a big impact on its carbon footprint and fuel bills after having solar panels installed.

The panels were installed by Solar Partner Ltd, a Milton Keynes-based firm which helped with building controls and planning applications to ensure the work could take place with minimal disruption to the period features of the building.

Getting on to property ladder

FIRST-TIME buyers are being helped on to the property ladder with a new Government scheme.

Taylor Wimpey, with developments across the city, has implemented the new FirstBuy scheme, which works through a joint loan of 20 per cent from the Government and the company, meaning eligible purchasers only need put down a five per cent deposit and obtain a 75 per cent loan-to-value mortgage.

The loan is repayable at the end of the 25 year mortgage term or when the property is sold.

To be eligible, purchasers must be first time buyers and their total household earning should be less than £60,000.

Home Retail Group spends £24.5m on deal with Habitat brand

ONE of the city's largest employers last week announced the acquisition of a national contemporary home retail brand.

Home Retail Group, which includes Argos and Homebase and has its headquarters on Avebury

Boulevard in Central Milton Keynes, announced it has agreed a £24.5million deal for certain rights to the Habitat brand.

The rights are for the exclusive use of the Habitat brand, its brand designs and intellectual property in

the UK and the Republic of Ireland, as well as the Habitat UK website, three of its London stores and certain brand support functions.

Terry Duddy, chief executive of Home Retail Group, said: "The style-led creden-

tials of the Habitat brand, with its strong heritage, will be a significant addition to the group's portfolio of own brands."

"In addition to operating the three London stores and the UK website, we will introduce Habitat products

across the group including a number of concessions in Homebase stores.

"We will also look to develop the online proposition, leveraging the award-winning multi-channel strength of Home Retail Group."



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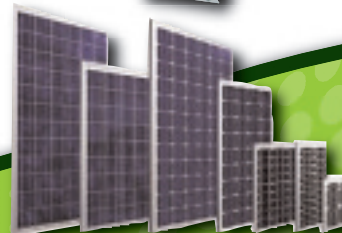
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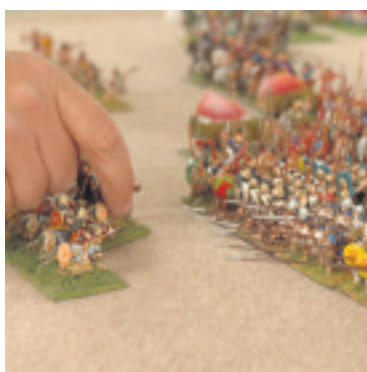
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Sat 9
NUTTY ABOUT NATURE
Short course for adults: Beekeeping. Meet in the car park, Merlewood Dr, V2 Tattenhoe Street, Shenley Wood. Westbury Farm 10:00 – 3:00 £10/person*

Sun 10
ORIENTEERING
Park in Bradwell Abbey car park, H3 Monks Way. Loughton Valley Park 10:00 – 12:00 £3/person

Sat 17
DOGGIE PIT STOP
Park in Windmill pub car park, Lakeside Grove, H10 Bletcham Way. Caldecotte Lake 10:00 – 12:00 Free

Fri 22
FAMILY OPEN AIR THEATRE
Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox. Campbell Park 7:30pm £9/adult £6/child £25/family*

Sun 24
WORLD PICNIC
Bring a picnic and enjoy this cultural day. Park at Central Milton Keynes. Campbell Park 1:00 – 6:00 Free

Thu 28
PUSHCHAIRS IN THE PARK
Meet at car park V4, Watling Street. Furzton Lake 10:00 – 11:30 Free

Sat 30
NIGHT HIKE
Meet in the car park off Haversham Road, north of the V6 Grafton St. Ouse Valley Park Midnight – 5:30am £1/person*

Sun 31
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MKLIFE MUSIC REVIEW THE STABLES EVENTS

SIMON DARNELL

THE EDGE OF GLORY

Lady GaGa
AS is usually the way with Lady GaGa's singles, I'm finding this song incredibly frustrating.

There are plenty of good elements in this song, but when you strip it down to the basic melody and lyrics, it falls considerably short of greatness. The start is great; all sorts of low-key sounds coming together gradually but the moment the singing starts the quality dips and keeps on dipping.

That's not Lady GaGa's fault, she may look as though her entire wardrobe was created with the aid of Blue Peter competition entries but she is a very, very good pop singer.

No, it's the structure of the song



that's to blame. This single desperately wants to be a 1980s pop anthem, so much so that it even has its own saxophone solo but it's following old tracks rather than laying new ones.

That's what's so frustrating about this song; the production's top notch, there are enough flickers of originality here and there to indicate how much effort went into it but the problem is the song itself isn't that interesting and if you get that bit wrong, well, there aren't many ways to cover it up.

Lady GaGa's done what she can with what she had but it's just not enough.

TROUBLE

Totally Enormous Extinct Dinosaurs
BE honest, that's a brilliant band name, isn't it?

Mind you, if you are going to have a brilliant band name that's designed to attract attention from easily impressed people like me, you really ought to have some decent music to back yourself up.

Well done the Dinosaurs then,

because that's just what they've done.

If you don't like electronic music this might not be your cup of tea, because the nearest this song gets to a so-called proper instrument would be if you happened to have a guitar in the room when you listen to it.

It's dark, poppy, it's got a beat that says "You

shouldn't dance to me but I bet you do anyway" and the singer sounds like he's bored stiff, not just with the song but the whole business of pop music altogether.

It even sounds a bit retro but just for a change (thank heavens) it's nineties retro rather than eighties.

All that and it's even got a decent tune too.
Marvellous stuff.



THE STABLES

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AS music in the Garden enters its penultimate weekend, it takes on a distinctly Spanish feel.

On Saturday from 11am there is everyone's favourite Jazz on a Summer's Day, which is led by Monica Vasconcelos on vocals.

Then in the afternoon, from 2.30pm, Alec Dankworth takes to the garden with Spanish Accents. Alec's long-standing love for all things Spanish provided the inspiration for this group.

Metheny, Corea, even Rodrigo are reinvented alongside traditional folk songs and originals in flamenco rhythms creating a wonderful and genuinely Spanish world. On Sunday at 2pm, enjoy Lullaby of Birdland:

Remembering George Shearing with the James Pearson Trio. For this special concert James brings together an elite group of musicians to celebrate the musical life of George Shearing. For details and prices visit www.stables.org

THE MODS BAND

Friday, 8pm

If you were at The Stables for The Mods' visit last year, you'll know it was a great atmosphere, with the audience singing along. If you haven't seen them before, all your favourite 60s bands are here - The Small Faces, The Kinks, The Who, The Animals, The Rolling Stones, Nashville Teens, The Yardbirds,



Richard Thompson

The Doors, Spencer Davis and Desmond Dekker to name a few. Tickets £17.

ANTONIO FORCIONE QUARTET

Saturday, 8pm

TO lovers of acoustic guitar virtuosity, award-winning Antonio Forcione is the duke, the devil and the Pope all rolled into one.

His Quartet features the master-percussionist Adriano Adewale, cellist Jenny Adejayan and the multi-instrumentalist Nathan Thomson on double bass.

The pieces they perform are predominantly Forcione's own compositions as well as a mixture of tunes by Astor Piazzolla and Egberto Gismonti. Their's is an imaginative and joyful synthesis, a world-class band with spectacular technique and a uniquely powerful and exotic sound. Tickets £18.

ALEX CORNISH

Saturday, 8.45pm ALEX'S debut album Until The Traffic Stops

DUKE OF MARMALADE

UP and coming MK band Duke of Marmalade are launching their new EP 'Say it like you mean it' at Bletchley WMC on Saturday.

The night will celebrate the release of the band's debut CD on Newton Records, the city's independent record label.

Made up of Nick Harper (vocals/guitar), Dan Buckland (vocals/guitar), Rob Willmott (bass) and Tommy Carr (drums), the group describe their music as 'uplifting British indie rock that you just have to dance to.'

Formed three years ago, they were soon picked up and supported by the Hard Rock Music store in Wolverton.

They have played a number of gigs and have created interest in



Duke of Marmalade

both the UK and America, with a tour of the west coast of the States planned for later in the year.

Support at the WMC show will be from Casual Panic, with Trigger the Postman serving as compere.

Doors open at 7.30pm and entry is £3.

MUSICAL SHOWCASE

OLNEY CHURCH HALL

Saturday, July 16, 7.30pm

ONE of the greatest kept secrets is the amazing musical talent which is found locally.

Once more there is a great opportunity for bands to showcase their talents in front of a panel of professional musicians.

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MKLIFE THEATRE GALLERY EVENTS

MK GALLERY

NEW ART MK: EIGHT ARTISTS

MK Gallery
Friday - September 18

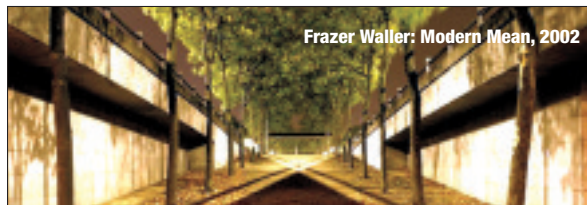
AN exciting exhibition presenting the work of eight emerging artists from Milton Keynes can be seen at MK Gallery.

The eight artists are Jamie Chalmers, Caroline Devine, Lauren Keeley, Jason Smith, Stuart Southwell, Kamil Szkopik, Frazer Waller and Emma Wilde.

All shortlisted finalists in the MK Community Foundation's Arts Bursary Award 2010 sufficiently impressed gallery director Anthony Spira for him to immediately offer them the chance to exhibit.

Visitors can expect to see photography, drawing, painting and even cross-stitching plus sound art. The exhibitors will attend the preview tomorrow (July 7) and everyone is invited to join them from 6pm.

A temporary performance in Margaret Powell Square will follow welcome speeches then a



Frazer Waller: Modern Mean, 2002

barbecue, two live bands and a DJ. Pedestrians and theatre goers may also hear part of the exhibition as they pass.

About every half an hour a short 'vertical slice' of Caroline Devine's sound installation comprising tiny piano fragments recorded inside the body of a piano - will play simultaneously inside and outside, connecting both spaces.

Event highlights include a family evening, July 22 (free art and craft activities), a public exhibition tour on July 23, (plus tours for hearing and visually impaired visitors on a date tbc) and not to be missed in August, holiday workshops for children with some

of the exhibiting artists. Visit www.mkgallery.org for details.

The gallery's regular Friday Night Film strand kicks off on Friday at 6.30pm with the classic Australian mystery Picnic at Hanging Rock, chosen by exhibitor Emma Wilde, who has also produced two exclusive limited edition prints for the exhibition, available from the gallery shop.

In the gallery's project space, The Artists' Voice runs until the end of July with work by pupils from Leon School and Sports College created with LA born artist Edith Garcia during her residency there.

MILTON KEYNES THEATRE

FROM war-torn trenches and memorable monarchs to the glamour of Hollywood's silver screen and the rock 'n' roll 50s there's something for everyone in Milton Keynes Theatre's autumn season.

Highlights include the return of theatre friend Sir Ian McKellen in The Syndicate, a world premier performance from Warren Clarke in Three Days in May and this year's family pantomime Aladdin.

The Madness of King George III (October 24-29) stars one of the UK's most versatile actors David Haig and the acclaimed Clive Francis, to tell the tale of a king best remembered today for his bouts of unbridled lunacy.

Propeller, the internationally acclaimed all-male acting troupe, brings its own unique take on one of Shakespeare's most famous plays, Henry V (November 29 December 3).

R.C. Sherriff's multi-award-winning drama Journey's End (September 20-24) will transport audiences to the trenches of the First World War.

Warren Clarke leads an all star cast in his return to the stage for the first time in more than a decade, playing Winston



Churchill, in the world premiere of Ben Brown's Three Days in May (October 3-8). A thrilling political drama which takes us behind the doors of Number Ten during three of the most pivotal days in British history when, extraordinarily, giving in to Hitler, was considered by some to be a viable option.

The breathtaking and lavish Lincoln Centre Theatre production of one of the greatest musicals of all time, South Pacific, (October 12-22) takes a look at the war from across the pond, with a stellar cast of more than 50

including internationally acclaimed Jason Howard (WNO).

Direct from Chichester Festival Theatre, Sir Ian McKellen makes a much anticipated return to Milton Keynes to play alongside Michael Pennington in a brand new version of Eduardo De Filippo's The Syndicate (September 12-17). Set in 1960s Naples, this comedy grows blacker as the 'respectable' face of Naples collides with the 'god-father' of the criminal underworld. It's tough love, Mafia style. Glyndebourne on Tour return in November, while the much-loved Tommy Steele appears in Scrooge. For timeless family, fun don't miss Slava's Snow Show (November 2-6).

Take a magic carpet ride into 2012 and the Far East with this year's fun-packed family pantomime, Aladdin (December 9 January 15). With genres by the lamp-load, side-splitting comedy, a selection of chart-topping songs, bags of family fun, audience participation, a boatable baddie and just maybe, a real flying carpet.

Tickets go on sale on today. See www.ambassadorstickets.com/miltonkeynes for more details.

SUMMER EXHIBITION

AIM FOR ART GALLERY

Summer Exhibition
Opens Thursday, July 7 until August

THE Aim for Art Gallery in the centre:mk is hosting a summer exhibition by the Milton Keynes Society of Artists.

This group boasts a wide range of style and media, is an exciting addition to the Gallery's already richly varied programme this year.

The Gallery will be bursting with the combined talent and rich imagery of the Society which will be on show.

The exhibition promises to be both eye-catching and tempting from a diverse group of artists. Open Tuesday - Saturday from 10am - 4pm. The Gallery is opposite Waitrose next to Costa coffee.

HIJINX THEATRE

HIJINX THEATRE
Chrysalis Theatre, Willen
Thursday, July 7, 7.30pm

THE much acclaimed Hijinx Theatre returns to Milton Keynes from Cardiff, again supporting those with learning disabilities.

It's another 1930s summer season and times are hard for the 'Little Theatre' at Skidbury-on-Sea.

The acting manager is struggling with the books, so all hopes are pinned on a renowned 'song-bird' from the City who, it is hoped, will bring the audiences flooding back in.

With her she brings an assistant, a wide-eyed young man who trails behind her and bears the brunt of her artistic temperament.

Quietly in the wings sits the

junior stagehand, watching and waiting as rehearsals begin.

The play transports you back to the world of the backstage seaside theatre, the humour, the rivalry and the camaraderie.

It's a play for all the family, with a particular focus on people from the learning disability community, two of the cast of five have Down's Syndrome.

There is a huge amount of live music as the twinkling fingers of Mr Jimmy Pickles dance over the keyboards.

All profits from this event will be re-invested into subsidising the ticket prices for future relevant events for those with learning disabilities.

All tickets are £5. For more information go to www.chrysalismk.co.uk or call 01908 235505.

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Campbell Park 1.00 - 6.00 Free

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Ouse Valley Park 10.00 - 1.00 £3

IT'S A BUG'S LIFE Thu 4 Aug

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TWELFTH NIGHT Fri 5 Aug

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ROTTEN ROMANS Tue 9 Aug

Learn to be a Roman for the day.
Bancroft Park 10.30 - 1.00 £3

TRY FISHING Thu 11 Aug

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Furzton Lake 10.00 - 2.30 £3

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THE first music concert to ever be held at stadiummk will play host to pop sensations JLS and Olly Murs.

Two MOBO Awards and a triple platinum selling album mark out JLS as a pop success.

The group were runners-up in the 2008 series of The X Factor and they have currently sold more than 1.3 million albums worldwide.

The group have also released their own documentary film titled JLS: Eyes Wide Open 3D, making them the first British music act ever to release a 3D film.

Filmed at London's O2 Arena during the tour for their second album Outta This World in December 2010/January 2011, and incorporated with documentary footage shot by Ben Winston



JLS

and Andy Morahan, it was shown exclusively for three days only at the beginning of June.

With his debut single, 'Please Don't Let Me Go' Olly Murs shot to the top of the singles charts, and his album, Olly Murs, went platinum.

At only 23, Olly Murs has had great chart and musical success as a singer/songwriter. He achieved second place on The X Factor in 2009.

When he auditioned for the show he performed 'Superstition'

by Stevie Wonder and judge Simon Cowell said it was "the easiest 'yes' I've ever given". Murs made it through to the live finals where he was mentored by Cowell and frequently employed dance moves in his performance including his trademark 'Olly wiggle'.

They will be supported by pop princess Alexis Jordan, who first made an impression on America's Got Talent in 2006. After being eliminated from the show she was later signed by rapper Jay-Z.

NEWPORT CARNIVAL

IT'S carnival time again in Newport Pagnell as the town gears up for two days of fun and frolics.

This year the carnival celebrates its 50th anniversary and it looks like it's going to be a party to remember.

The theme for the Newport Carnival floats is 'Music Legends' with the parade leaving Blakelands at noon on Saturday behind a collection of vintage cars and motor-bike riders.

It will make its merry way through town, as bystanders get showered by water pistols and bombay mix from the Mysore Indian before arriving at Riverside Meadows around 1pm.

Once in the field there is an array of entertainment for all ages including lots of stalls, the funfair and two bars. Entry is £1 for adults, 50p for over fives and OAPs.

The fun continues into the evening as the Soap Box Derby pre-race party night gets rolling in the Working Men's Club in Silver Street from 7pm.

Those of you who manage to rise can watch the thrills and spills of the Soapbox Derby, brought back to life last year, as entries hurtle down the Silver Street race course on Sunday morning.

For the hardy souls that can last the pace it's back to Riverside Meadow from noon to enjoy music on two stages before the carnival weekend draws to a close on 7pm on Sunday evening. For further details go to www.newport-pagnell-carnival.co.uk

COMEDY IMPROVISATION

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Whose Turn is it Anyway?

Saturday, July 9, 7.30pm

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WOBURN SANDS

THE Woburn Sands Folk Festival returns on Saturday with more artists, more stalls, more attractions and more activities for the kids.

A number of performers will be demonstrating their musical talents on the main stage on Saturday, with acts on between 10.30am and 8.30pm at Edgewick Farm.

The artists include Hogsty Oak, who play English traditional songs and dance tunes with the occasional Irish, Scottish and American numbers, The Foxglove Trio, who play songs from around the British Isles, seasoned professional singer John Timpany and renowned singer/songwriter Steve Gifford and Band.

Lively instrumental group The Hairy Marys will play traditional

dance music from County Clare and Dunstable based John Stevens will bring his great voice and mix of traditional and modern songs to the stage.

There will also be local acts in the form of Quintet of Six, a small section of the Woburn Sands Band and Stony Stratford's Five Men not called Matt.

For youngsters there will be face painting, children's stories and songs, a bouncy castle and an ice cream van.

The festival also includes street entertainment at The Swan and Mowbray Green and pub music sessions in The Swan, The Fir Tree and The Royal Oak.

Attractions this year include hand made jewellery, art displays, nail painting and other hand made items.

HEART FM COLUMN

HEART breakfast show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

It's been another busy week and we were pleased to chat to long serving Dragon, Duncan Bannatyne who has a new book out.

We spoke to him after he'd done a load of interviews that morning so he was a bit jaded.

As a result we were a little nervous about how he would feel playing along with our Stuart & Natalie's 'Den' style interview.

Stuart started by asking Duncan why we should invest five minutes of our valuable time hearing him promote his book.

He told us: "You'll learn how not to make mistakes in business and you'll get the advice on how to be more successful than me or Peter Jones or even Theo Paphitis."

We then asked him why his book is so different to Peter Jones' recent book. Surely this is just a case of another book about how to make money in business.

He replied, his tongue firmly in his cheek: "Have you read his book." Those Dragons are seriously competitive.

After much deliberation Stuart decided the idea of promoting a book on a radio show wasn't original enough so declared himself 'out'.

I said I would be happy to 'invest' if Duncan gave me free

gym membership. Duncan struck a hard bargain saying: "I'll give you free membership if you go four times a week and every week you don't go, you have to give me £50."

Good motivation to get in shape I reckon. We also heard from Chris O'Dowd, star of the IT Crowd and currently appearing as the cute cop in Bridesmaids. If you've not heard this movie is the latest 'female comedy' not a chic flick.

Chris said to any guys refusing to see it to: "get over themselves, it's funny". Personally I loved it and gave it 10/10.

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DAILY LIFE

THURSDAY

WOMEN'S Walking Network. Enjoy a walk around Willen Lake North while networking. Meet at 10am Peace Pagoda car park, V10 Brickhill Street, £1 per person adults only.

ADSTOCKFIELDS Farmhouse Jazz & Hats in a Country Garden. Live Jazz, champagne and refreshments throughout the evening in aid of British Red Cross. A bottle of champagne will be awarded to the most elegant and most original hats. Tickets £10, pre booking essential, 01296 739300, 6pm to 8pm.

FRIDAY

RAILWAY Walk Experience. Building more steps, 10.30am to 3pm. Carrying on previous work to take the steps up alongside the waterfall in the Wilderness. Meet at Campion, Great Linford.

SATURDAY

MK Ramblers 15 mile linear walk to Northampton via Salcey and the Nene Way. Meet at 9.45am at Hanslope Village Hall. Call 01908 516162.

NUTTY about Nature. An introduction to bee keeping with The Parks Trust. Meet 10am at Westbury Farm Park in Merlewood Drive, V2 Tattenhoe Street. Cost £10.

VINTAGE Fair, Carlton House Club, High St, Olney. Over 20 stalls selling quality vintage items from the 1920s to 60s. Tea and cakes available accompanied by music from the period noon to 4pm.

SUNDAY

EXTREME 5 Challenge. Cheer on the competitors as they tackle a 1.5km swim, 10km kayak, 40km cycle and 10km run at

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Willen Lake. Race starts 9am and finishes 2.30pm approx.

ORIENTEERING. Learn how to use a map whilst having fun in the parks. Run by South Midlands Orienteering Club meet 10am in Linford Wood park off Marsh Drive, Great Linford.

MK Ramblers six mile walk on Matthews Way, via North Marston, Oving and Pitchcott. Meet at 10am on the green in Quainton. Call 01908 586865.

LONGTAIL Walk. Join this health walk run by the everyday activity project. All levels, ages and abilities welcome. Brisk from the front and slower at the rear. Meet 11am at the Agora Centre car park, Wolverton.

SAND and Motorcycles Day, Leighton Buzzard Railway. To mark the work done by trains and motorcycles during both world wars. A huge display of bikes plus the trains that carried sand, needed for casting shells and gun barrels, from the quarries. Pages Park, Leighton Buzzard from 10am.

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CHAMPION Dog Show, St Barnabas Recreation Ground, Linslade. In aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People and the Community Hall Restoration Fund, registration at 10am judging from 11am, further details on 01525 374531.

HULA Children's Open Day. South Midlands Animal Sanctuary, Glebe Farm, Salford Road, Aspley Guise From 1pm to 4pm.

NEW Bradwell Silver Band. Playing at St Marys Blethchey as part of Church on the Green celebrations 1pm-4pm.

MONDAY

ELDER Gate Toastmasters meeting National Badminton Centre, Loughton Lodge from 6pm to 8pm. Free. See www.mktoastmasters.co.uk

TUESDAY

SCRIBAL Gathering, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford. Music and spoken word, with open mic and guest performers. Free. 8pm to 11pm.

WEDNESDAY

MK Ramblers six mile circular walk. Meet at 6.45pm in Great Brickhill by the Old Red Lion pub (GR SP902302). Further details on 07941 235776.

ASHTANGA Yoga at The Bath House Wolverton. New members welcome. 6pm to 7pm. £6. Contact Kelly 07821 915239.

COMPETITION

Cherry Lee Mewis



BEDFORD'S Proms In The Park is just a couple of weeks away and organisers The Full Effect have announced a number of additional musical treats for music lovers.

The extras are all being performed before the main Proms programme, which this year returns to Bedford Park on Saturday, July 23 and celebrate this we at MKNEWS have a pair of tickets to give away.

First up will be Cherry Lee Mewis, recently returning from America, after performing at Market Street Festival in Mississippi and also in Memphis. Cherry has been nominated as the best female vocalist at the British Blues Awards.

Following Cherry, is the return of Simone Policella who last played a set at the Proms two years ago and since then has signed to a major record label and is currently recording her new album, which will be launched next year.

Simone is a singer/songwriter

who has been likened to Tori Amos.

The Mark Harrison's spectacular features popular classics and the Proms favourites performed by the London Gala Orchestra and the Bedford Choral Society, conducted by Stephen Bell.

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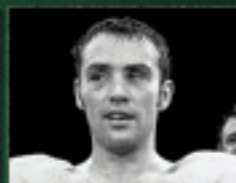
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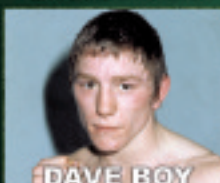
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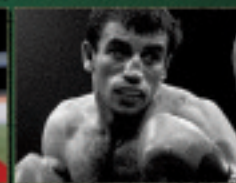
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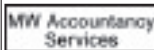
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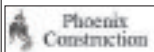
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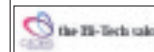
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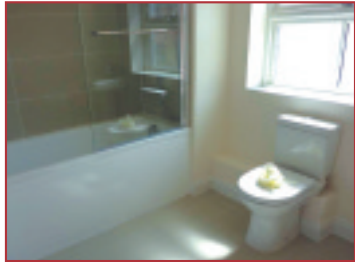
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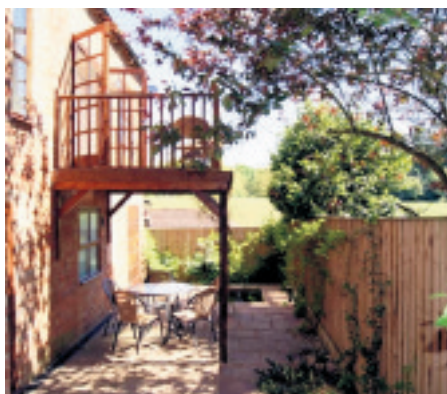
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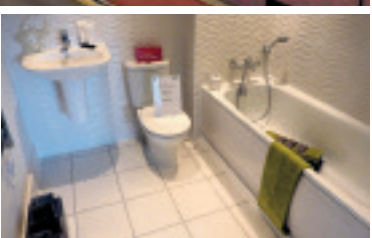
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Closing date: 14th July 2011

Candidates must be available for interview on: 20th July 2011

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Hastingsbury is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. In accordance with the Police Act 1997 all posts in schools are subject to disclosure of criminal records.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A NEW PREMISES LICENCE
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The Licensing Team, Environment Directorate, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxton Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ. Tel: 01908 252800, email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Representations received in response to this review will ordinarily be made available for public inspection including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm). Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premises. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine of £5,000 is liable on summary conviction for the offence.

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HIGHWAYS AGENCY**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)**

THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A421 REDMOOR INTERCHANGE MILTON KEYNES TO THE A505 THORN, BEDFORDSHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes and Bedfordshire to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst carriageway repairs, road marking replacement and routine maintenance works are carried out along the A5 between Milton Keynes and Thorn.

The works are expected to take place in phases overnight for approximately 3 weeks (9pm - 6am weekdays only) starting on, or after, Monday 1 August 2011.

The effect of the Order would be to close the A5 -

1. northbound carriageway from its junction with Sheep Lane Roundabout near Pottsgrove to its junction with the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes, diverting traffic via the A505 at Chalk Hill to rejoin the A5 at A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout,
2. northbound carriageway from its junction with the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, Little Brickhill to the entry slip road at the A421 Redmoor Interchange, Milton Keynes, diverting traffic via Watling Street to rejoin the A5 at A421 Redmoor Interchange,
3. from its junction with Sheep Lane Roundabout near Pottsgrove to its junction with the A505 Roundabout at Thorn, diverting southbound traffic via the A4146 at Kelly's Kitchen roundabout, the A505 to rejoin the A5 north of Chalk Hill and vice versa for northbound traffic,
4. northbound -
 - entry slip road at Little Brickhill, diverting traffic via Little Brickhill to then follow the main diversion route at 1. above,
 - entry and exit slip road at A4146 Bletcham Way Interchange Milton Keynes, and
 - exit slip road at A421 Grafton Street, Redmoor Interchange Milton Keynes, and
5. lay-bys adjacent to the lengths of trunk road described above, for 24 hours daily for the duration of the works.

Access to properties fronting the A5 would be maintained at all times.

The Order would come into force on 25 July 2011 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

The carriageway, slip road and lay-by closures (which would not apply to works, emergency services or traffic officer vehicles) and diversion routes, would be clearly indicated by traffic signs throughout the works period.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency General Enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Keith Hutchinson at the Highways Agency Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning 01234 796510.

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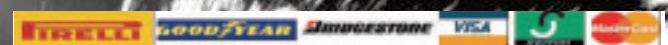
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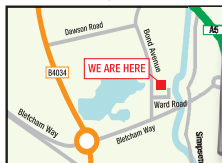
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FORMULA ONE



Unstoppable Vettel targets British win

WORLD champ Sebastian Vettel is aiming to maintain his phenomenal start to the Formula 1 season at the British Grand Prix on Sunday.

The Red Bull star heads into the race having won an incredible six of the eight meetings of the season so far.

His lead at the top of the standings is 77 points and the city-based team are rightly confident of more success at Silverstone.

"It is one of my favourite tracks and not just because it's 30 kilometres from our factory in Milton Keynes," Vettel said.

"This year the start and finish have been moved, so let's see what effect that will have."

"The extreme corner combinations on the track make it a real pleasure for drivers."

"There are fast corners and often we have to react to tricky weather conditions."

Fellow Red Bull driver Mark Webber won the British Grand Prix last year, with Vettel, who had been on pole, having to settle for a seventh place finish.

Webber said: "Silverstone is an extremely prestigious venue. As proved in previous seasons, the characteristics of the circuit have suited us well."

FOOTBALL

Baldock snubs Posh invitation

TIMELINE: BALDOCK TRANSFER SAGA

June 2 - Posh make first record offer for Sam Baldock. It doesn't meet the Dons valuation, so is turned down.

June 7 - Peterborough Director of Football Barry Fry boasts that when his manager identifies a signing, he usually gets his man.

June 9 - Fry and Pete Winkelman cross paths at the Football League Chairman's conference.

June 16 - Second bid made by Posh, as well as a bid for Stephen Gleeson. Both refused. Posh Chairman Darragh MacAnthony appears to admit defeat.

June 28 - Dons boss Karl Robinson says he thinks Posh won't stop in their attempts to sign Baldock.

June 29 - And he proves to be right. A new record bid is made which is "reluctantly" accepted. But an "unexcited" Baldock rejects the move.

June 30 - War of words as Posh boss Darren Ferguson hits out at Baldock after his comments.

DONS striker Sam Baldock has committed himself to the club after turning down a move to public suitors Peterborough United.

Posh have battled to secure the 22-year-old's signature for the past month but Baldock has decided that a move to London Road is not for him.

A third offer for his services, which would have broken records at both clubs, was 'reluctantly' accepted by Dons chief Pete Winkelman on Wednesday.

The Chairman had previously stated that in order for a deal to be done, the money would have to be right and Baldock would need to be in favour of the transfer.

Last week's bid met the Dons valuation, which is in excess of £1mil-

lion, but the player himself threw a spanner in the works.

Baldock travelled to Peterborough but quickly decided that he wasn't interested in a move to the Cambridgeshire club.

He said: "The move didn't excite me."

"As soon as I got there it confirmed my suspicions that it wasn't right for me, it wasn't the right time for me to be going to that club."

The forward, who rejected a four year deal at London Road, is now hoping to propel the Dons towards promotion.

Boss Karl Robinson was thrilled to hear that his star man had rejected Posh and said the deal was like signing a new player.

However, Peterborough reacted

angrily to Baldock's comments following the collapse of the move.

Manager Darren Ferguson claimed that Posh themselves had pulled the plug and said he felt he had no choice but to respond to what the striker had said.

He said: "The meeting with Sam took place, he came and met me and he was very unenthusiastic, his body language was very poor and I knew straight away that I didn't want to sign him for this football club."

"I only want young, hungry players that want to get success, that is how we have achieved three promotions in the last four years."

A second bid for midfielder Stephen Gleeson was also made by Posh on Wednesday, but this offer was turned down.



Turned down Posh move: Sam Baldock.

SPORTS SHORTS

BASKETBALL

MK LIONS are expected to announce some player signings for the new season during the next fortnight.

Head Coach Mike New has been hard at work behind the scenes as the Lions aim to improve on last season's disappointing campaign, when the team missed out on the play-offs.

New said that maintaining the nucleus of his side and improving in certain areas, 'some of which are obvious and some of which are not so obvious', were his priorities. Some new additions to the squad could have been identified at the club's trials on Saturday.

Players from as far afield as Lithuania took part in the hope of gaining a Lions vest for the new campaign.

Meanwhile, club owner Vince Macaulay has again highlighted his ambition for the club, stating he wants Lions to be the best basketball team in the country. European competition has also been targeted within the next two years.

COUNTY CRICKET

NORTHANTS Steelbacks were unable to force a T20 victory at their home from home at the city's Campbell Park on Wednesday. Worcestershire Royals triumphed by six wickets with three balls to spare after Steelbacks could only post a score of 129/9.

Rob White and Niall O'Brien both blasted 33 at the top of the order but the innings lacked a truly big score and Northants struggled to find runs in the closing stages. Saeed Ajmal claimed 4/14 for the Royals, including a triple wicket maiden, and youngster Anesh Kapil chipped in with 3/9 to also cause damage.

Steelbacks made early breakthroughs in the second innings to sense the chance of a result, but an unbeaten fifth wicket stand of 85 between Daryl Mitchell and Vikram Solanki saw the visitors home.

It was the sixth defeat in nine T20 matches for the Steelbacks, who are bottom of the northern group.

For a full match report visit www.mk-news.co.uk.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes athletes were among the medals at the English Schools Track & Field Championships this weekend.

Jonathan Pownall claimed silver in the Junior Boys javelin with a throw of 49.57m, with team mate Redford Curtis grabbing bronze with 48.70m.

Kayleigh Presswell won the bronze in the Inter Girls Hammer, with a personal best throw of 42.87m and Freddie Curtis won silver in the Inter Boys Javelin, with a distance of 66.02m. Meanwhile, a number of club members celebrated personal bests at the Watford Open Meeting.

RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes RFC are back in training as they prepare for their first full season at their new facility in Emerson Valley.

Four senior sides will be fielded in the new campaign, and new players are welcome. The club trains on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6.30pm. For details visit www.mkrfc.com.

LOCAL CRICKET

MORRANTS FOUR COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division One

TEMOOR Alam struck a brilliant century as New Bradwell claimed a winning draw over leaders North Crawley.

He contributed 118 as his side were bowled out for 241 after their 44 overs.

The table toppers have been in sparkling form this season but failed to get close to their target, finishing up on 203/6.

Stewart Phillipson made 81 and Richard Bryce 41 for North Crawley, who remain top.

Second placed Milton Keynes City kept the pressure on at the summit with an exciting three wicket win over Milton Keynes CC.

City elected to field and reduced their opponents to 219/9, with Pete Heady taking 3/39 and Sam Hagger's 57 proving to be the main resistance.

Daniel Ramsell and Nimesh Chavda both took three wickets in the second innings but 111 from Chris Timms superbly sealed the victory.

Newport Pagnell enjoyed a comfortable 93 run success over struggling Biddenham at Willen Road, Lewis Heffernon top scoring with 80 in their total of 250/9.

Brian Schmidt then finished with figures of 3/39

for Newport, who skittled their opposition for 157.

In the remaining league fixture Eaton Bray beat Elstow by 82 runs.

NORTHANTS PREMIER LEAGUE

Premier Division

STONY Stratford suffered a heavy defeat to Brixworth, going down by nine wickets.

After being asked to bat, several Stony batsmen made starts but nobody was able to go on and make a big score.

Four players grabbed a pair of wickets for Brixworth who restricted Stony to 203/9 after 55 overs.

In the second innings opener James Jarvis was dismissed for 16 off the bowling of Chris Guy but it was the only wicket to fall on a tough afternoon for Stony's bowlers.

Alex Lacey made 61 and Callum Berrill smashed a superb 107, including 14 fours and five sixes, as Brixworth romped home.

CHERWELL LEAGUE

Division One

BLETCHLEY Town got back to winning ways with a five wicket victory away at Bourton Vale.

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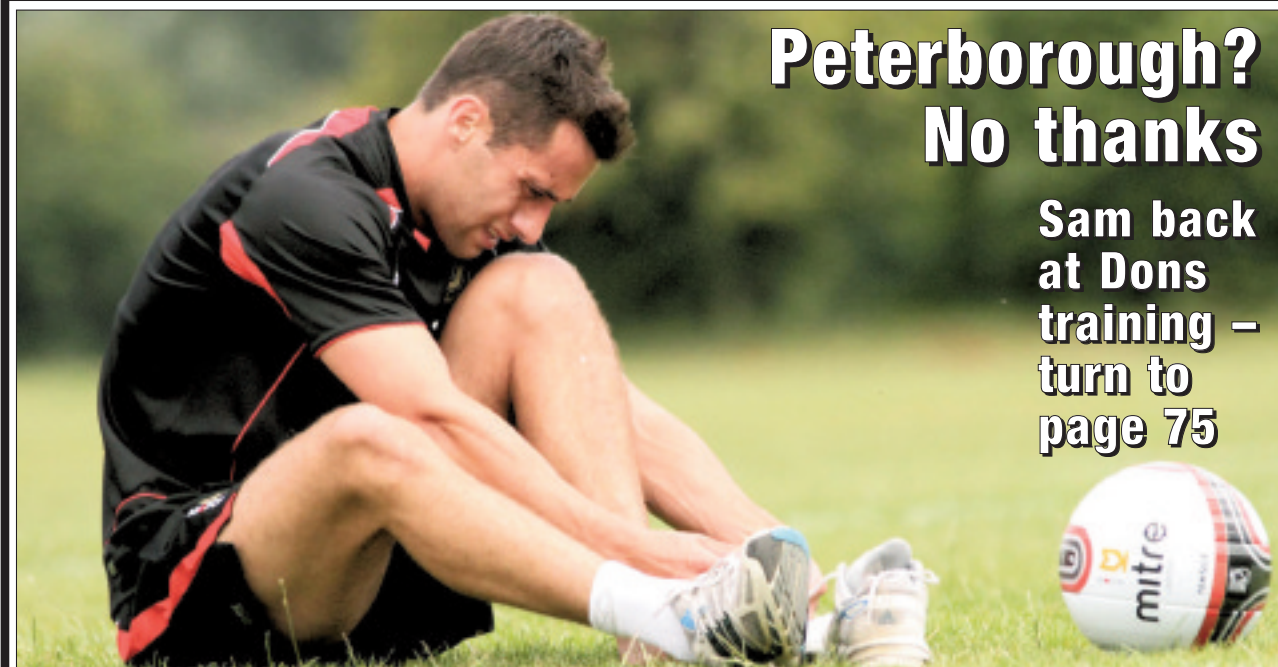
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Leven departs after rejecting new contract

MIDFIELDER Peter Leven has played his last game for the Dons after failing to sign a new deal at stadiummk.

The 27-year-old Scot's contract expired last week and he has now left the club as a free agent.

Leven is now searching for another side and there will be no shortage of interest in a player who picked up the club's Football Writers' Player of the Year award for 2010/11 after a number of superb performances in the middle of the park.

Dons had previously offered him a verbal contract in March, followed by a written two-year deal in May.

But he failed to put pen to paper before this deal's expiry date passed.

His decision comes as a blow to Dons boss Karl Robinson, although he does still have several midfield options at his disposal, including new signing Darren Potter and Stephen Gleeson, who has been targeted by Peterborough United.

A bigger setback is perhaps the fact that Leven will be leaving the club without Dons receiving a transfer fee.

He made 105 appearances for the club after joining from Chesterfield in 2008 and found the net 22 times.

Last year he racked up 40 appearances, scoring eight times, but things ended badly after a broken foot, suffered in a freak training ground accident, ruled him out of the club's play-off campaign.

Robinson said: "Peter has been an unbelievable servant to this football club and while I am sad that it has come to this, I have the utmost respect for Peter."

"Due to the relationship the club and I have with Peter we will continue to support him during his rehabilitation and ensure he returns to fitness."

A club statement added: "Peter leaves stadiummk with best wishes and we wish him every success in his future career."

New boys are an instant hit

BY DAN PALMER

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DONS new boys Dean Bowditch and Darren Potter have already impressed their new team-mates, just days into the club's pre-season training.

Karl Robinson's side returned to their Woughton on the Green base on Sunday and the first two signings of the summer have fitted in straight away.

The manager said that an early team spirit was forming in the camp and that striker Bowditch and midfielder Potter had demonstrated passion and ability that has immediately got their fellow Dons on side.

Now, the pair are hoping to make a major impact on the pitch as Robinson eyes the League One title.

Both players spoke to MK NEWS and share the lofty ambitions of their manager.

Former Sheffield Wednesday man Potter said: "Firstly I am looking to get in the team and stay in the team, then as a group we will look to do better than last season which was a great achievement in itself."

"Once I spoke to the gaffer and he outlined the style of play he wanted, and after looking around the facilities and stadium, it seemed everything was in my favour so I was more than happy to come here."

"Here the emphasis is on playing

football, which is not always the case at other clubs."

"Each to their own, but what the manager is trying to do here should suit me."

Potter's role next season has perhaps increased in importance following the departure of fellow midfielder Peter Leven.

But the 26-year-old said he didn't feel like the pressure was on.

"Peter did really well here during his spell, but I don't want to look at it as a competition," he said.

"We're different players in many ways, I'm coming in to do a job and hopefully everyone will be happy with what I do."

Bowditch, who left Yeovil to sign on

at stadiummk, said he didn't give himself a long term scoring target, saying he preferred to set mini-goals.

He said: "We've got a great squad of players who were unlucky not to reach the final last season and we want to go one step further now."

"None of the players have come back unfit and they are all very good players, that's why I came to the club."

"The way they want to do things and the way they want to move forward is right up my street."

"But if you don't buy into it, it won't happen."

The Dons will play their first pre-season friendly at St Neots Town on Saturday, with a 3pm kick-off.

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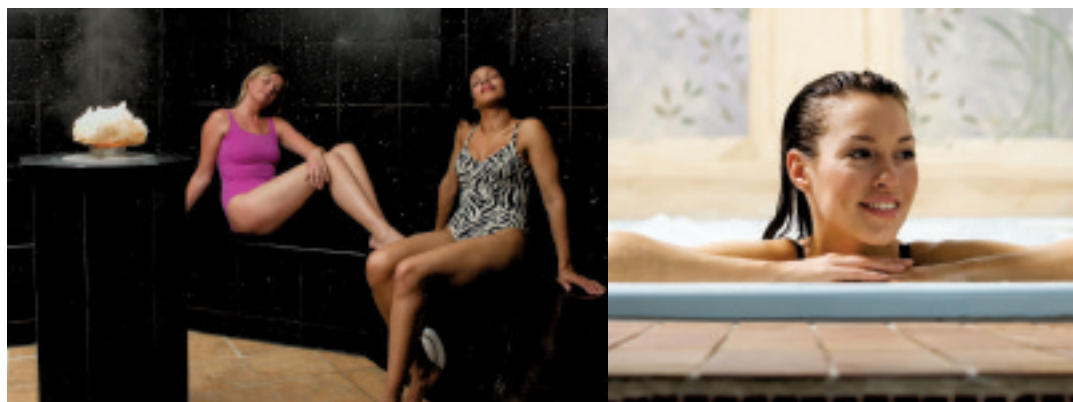
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